

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 OSLO 02383 170711Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 NSC-05 SP-02 CIAE-00 INR-10
NSAE-00 ICA-11 PA-01 /057 W
-----124559 181254Z /46

R 170621Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY OSLO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5814
INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
AMEMBASSY HELSINKI
AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 2383

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, NO, US
SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS IN COLBY BOOK

1. RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK BY WILLIAM COLBY, FORMER CIA DIRECTOR, HAS RECEIVED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE IN THE OSLO PRESS, DUE TO COLBY'S ACCOUNTS CONCERNING THE 1950S BUILD-UP IN SCANDINAVIA OF SECRET GROUPS TO BE ACTIVATED IN CASE OF A SOVIET INVASION.

2. PROMINENT NORWEGIANS, INCLUDING FORMER PRIME MINISTER GERHARDSSEN, HAVE DENIED THE COLBY ALLEGATIONS. FORMER INTELLIGENCE CHIEF WILHELM EVANG, HOWEVER, HAS INDICATED THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE POSSIBLE ALTHOUGH HE, EVANG, WAS UNAWARE OF THEM.

3. SEVERAL NORWEGIAN OPINION LEADERS HAVE COMMENTED ON THE RECURRENT PATTERN OF THE "KISS AND TELL" BOOK ON US INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS. THEY POINT OUT THAT THE NORWEGIANS APPEAR TO HAVE GONE ALONG FOR YEARS KEEPING THINGS SECRET, ONLY TO SEE THE FORMER CIA DIRECTOR DESCRIBE SECRET ACTIVITIES IN PRINT. SOME HAVE ALSO ASKED EMOFFS ABOUT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 OSLO 02383 170711Z

THE NATURE, IF ANY, OF USG RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT MEMOIRS.

4. TO DATE, THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO INQUIRIES ON THE COLBY BOOK (HOLIDAYS ON MAY 15 AND 17 MAY HAVE HELPED). IF QUESTIONED WE INTEND, WITH DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, TO REPLY THAT THE EMBASSY DOES NOT, AS A MATTER OF POLICY,

COMMENT ON STORIES OF THIS TYPE.

LERNER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PARAMILITARY FORCES, ALLEGATIONS, BOOKS, CONTINGENCY PLANNING, INVASIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 may 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978OSLO02383
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780209-0577
Format: TEL
From: OSLO
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780549/aaaabppy.tel
Line Count: 64
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 55f0b39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 feb 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2663827
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ALLEGATIONS IN COLBY BOOK
TAGS: PINT, NO, US, UR, CIA, (COLBY, WILLIAM)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/55f0b39b-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014